

IAS Staff Meeting
24 December 1974

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1. Mr. Allen reported on the Executive Council Meeting he attended on 24 December 1974:

a. The bulk of the meeting was devoted to a discussion led by Mr. Proctor over the Seymour Hersh article concerning alleged CIA activities directed against US citizens. Mr. Proctor acknowledged that unfortunately, although the story contains some exaggerations and distortions, there are elements of truth in each of the allegations. Nevertheless, the story is misleading in suggesting there was a "massive" program of illegal domestic activities. Mr. Proctor reported that the DCI has sent a letter to the President reporting in detail Agency activities with respect to each allegation. The letter is in a form which would permit its release to the press, and the DCI has recommended such release. The letter notes that all of the alleged activities, without exception, were surfaced to the DCI by Agency employees subsequent to the DCI's memorandum of May 1973. That memorandum requested Agency employees to bring to his attention any and all activities in which Agency components had been engaged which could be construed in any way as being in violation of the Agency's charter. All of the questionable activities were subsequently briefed to the Congressional Oversight Committees a year ago. James Angleton, Head of the CI Staff, was relieved on 20 December as head of the CI Staff, and has decided to retire. Further details on the Agency's involvement in domestic activities will be made available after the President acts on the DCI's letter.

b. The DCI has reported, in connection with the Annual Personnel Plan, that the number of black professionals hired in 1974 may reach 80, as compared with 12-13 in the years 1972 and 1973.

c. Jack King, Director of OBGI, announced that his office will be redesignated on 1 January as the Office of Geographic and Cartographic Research (OGCR).

2. [Redacted] will be visiting IAS on Thursday, 26 December at 1000. He will be handling the IAS account. He will also visit on Monday, 30 December.

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